

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1880

As of February 16, 2010

Title: An act relating to ballot envelopes.

Brief Description: Concerning ballot envelopes.

Sponsors: Representatives Armstrong, Hunt, Appleton, Alexander and Nelson.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/04/09, 93-2; 2/03/10, 90-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 3/24/09, 3/26/09 [DPA];
2/22/10.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: County auditors are required to send each absentee voter (voter) a ballot, security envelope, and larger return envelope. Voters must print their name and address on the return envelope and sign a declaration that they are qualified to vote. The return envelopes must have a secrecy flap that voters may seal to cover their signature and optional telephone number.

Summary of Bill: Secrecy flaps are not required for return envelopes. The return envelopes may provide secrecy for the voter's signature and optional telephone number.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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